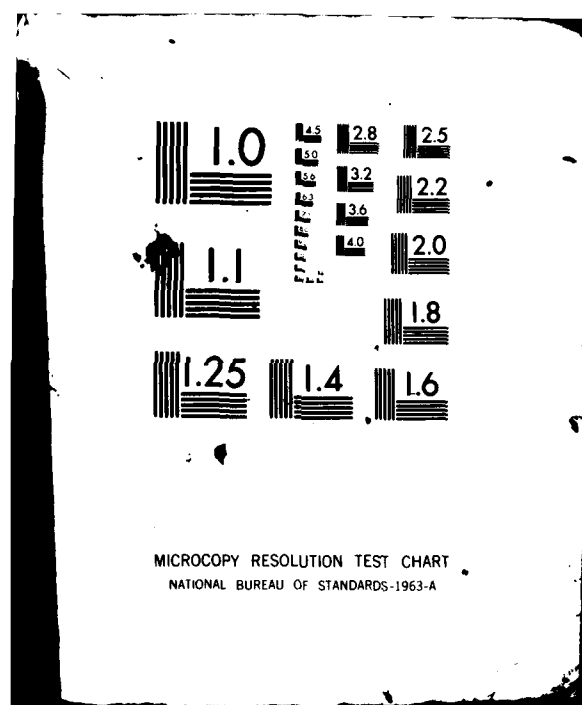


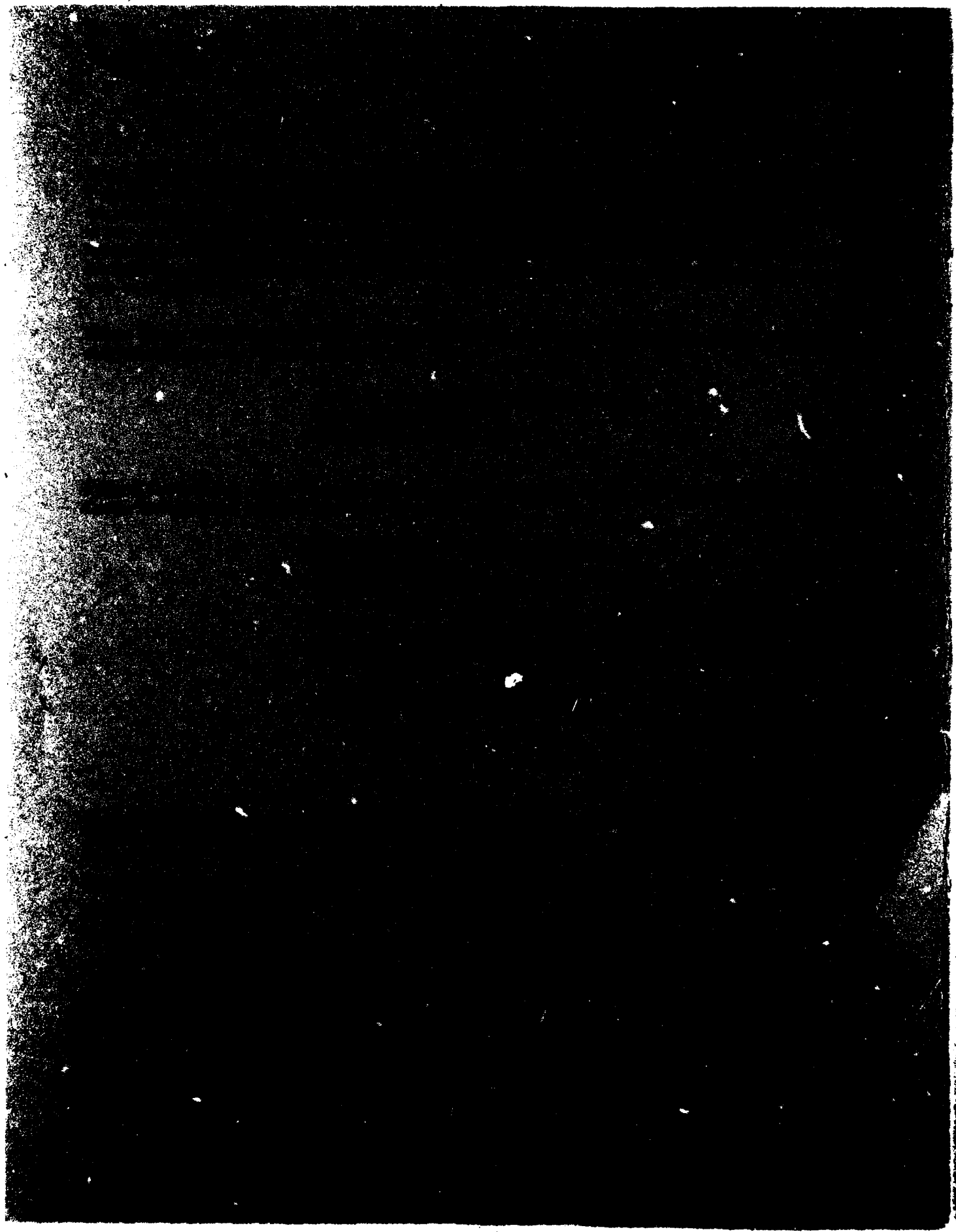
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## INTRODUCTION

The MA-3M is an electric motor-driven air conditioner designed to cool electronic equipment on aircraft during ground maintenance. This unit was manufactured by Keco Industries Inc.

This volume provides measured and extrapolated data defining bioacoustic environments produced by this unit. Such data are essential to evaluate ear protection requirements, limiting personnel exposure times, voice communication capabilities, and annoyance problems associated with operations of the MA-3M air conditioner.

This volume is one of a series published by the Air Force Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory (AFAMRL) under the same report number (AMRL-TR-75-50) as a multi-volume handbook that quantifies the noise environments produced at flight/ground crew locations and in surrounding communities by operations of Air Force aircraft and ground support equipment. The far-field, community-type, noise data in the handbook describe the noise produced during ground operations of aircraft, ground support equipment, and other ground-based equipment or facilities.

Volume 1 of this handbook discusses the objectives and design of the handbook, the types of data presented, measurement procedures, instrumentation, data processing, definitions of quantities, symbols, equations, applications, limitations, etc. Refer to Volume 1 (reference 1) for such information because it is not repeated in other handbook volumes.

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## NEAR-FIELD NOISE

### MEASUREMENT

A standard MA-3M was operated outside, in front of radar docks used for aircraft maintenance, on a concrete slab, at a normal rated condition. Due to the proximity of the radar docks no far-field data were acquired.

Figure 1 identifies 36 noise measurement locations at a height of 1.5 meters above the concrete apron (nominal ear level of ground crew). The 0 degree reference direction passes through the tow bar. The locations are in the acoustic near-field of the source where the sound wave fronts generally do not spherically diverge and the source appears to be spatially distributed (i.e., not a point source). Consequently, these near-field data cannot be extrapolated to longer distances but do properly define the levels at locations close to the unit.

Near-field measurements were also made at ear level at the operator control panel. Table 1 lists the numeric/alphabetic designators used on the data pages in this report to identify the operator measurement location and test conditions. The designator 1/A means operator location 1 and test condition A. Such a descriptor is essential in many handbook volumes that involve multiple combinations of location/conditions. It is used in this report to maintain format consistency.

### RESULTS

The measured data presented in Table 2 define the sound pressure levels (SPL) produced by the MA-3M unit at the 37 specified, near-field locations. This table includes the overall, 1/3 octave band, and octave band levels. From these data one can calculate the variety of measures in Table 3 which are widely used to assess the effects of noise on personnel and their performance.

For data at other intermediate near-field locations (i.e., for radial distances less than 4 meters) you can interpolate between the 36 measured data points.

TABLE 1

#### MEASUREMENT LOCATIONS AND TEST CONDITIONS FOR OPERATOR NOISE MEASUREMENTS

MA-3M Air Conditioner  
Tyndall AFB, 19 June 1980  
4120-58-DFD-7440, Field # F-42

Measurement Location	
1	Operator Control Panel
Operation	
A	Cooling Cycle

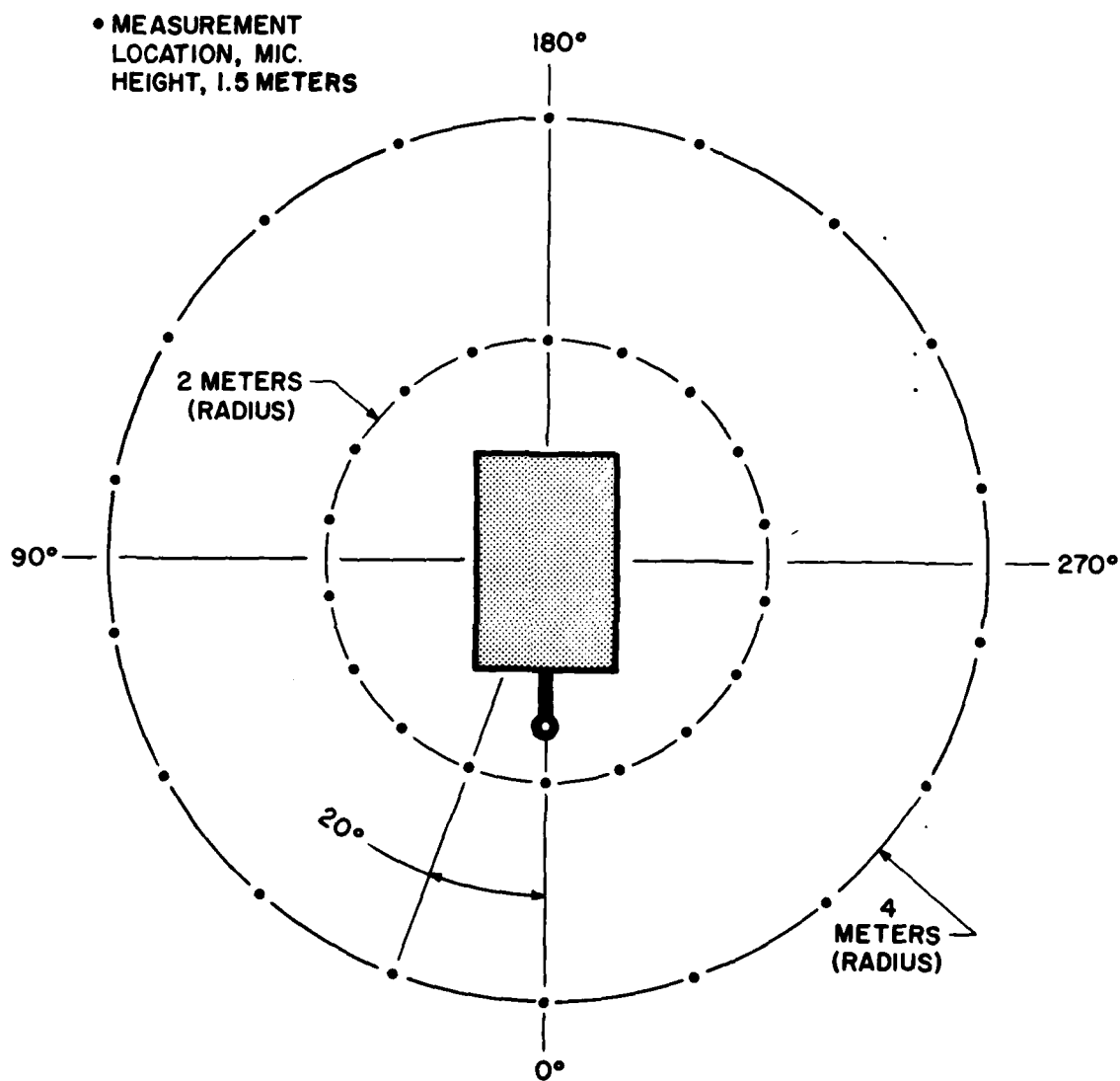


Figure 1. Measurement Locations

TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)													IDENTIFICATION:	
1/3 OCTAVE BAND													OMEGA 3.2	
2													TEST BA-000-004	
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:													RUN 01	
MA-3M AIR CONDITIONER													06 APR 82	
GROUND CREW													PAGE F1	
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS														
LOCATION/CONDITION														
FREQ	DISTANCE (M)-->	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
(HZ)	ANGLE (DEG)-->	0	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240
	CONDITION----	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
25														
31.5														
40														
50			74<	76<	75<	74<						78<	79<	76<
63		83<	85	89	88	87	85	86	85	82<	83<	90	91	88
80		73<												
100		73<	76<	75<				73<	76<	74<	76<	74<	78<	74<
125		81<	85	85	75<	78<	75<	83	86	81<	84	81<	88	82
160		81	80	75<	77<	79	80	77<	79	81	82	83	83	81
200		81	82	76	81	81	81	81	83	86	87	84	83	80
250		81	81	78	81	80	77	76	77	85	84	84	86	86
315		88	91	93	97	92	83	86	95	94	94	100	103	106
400		89	93	94	99	93	83	87	96	95	95	101	104	107
500		78	80	79	81	77	77	77	79	80	81	82	84	84
630		84	83	85	80	83	80	81	83	83	85	86	93	91
800		84	84	85	79	84	79	88	82	81	84	85	93	91
1000		79	79	79	77	75	76	76	78	79	78	82	84	85
1250		79	77	77	77	75	76	76	76	78	76	78	79	79
1600		76	74	74	73	72	73	73	75	76	74	75	78	76
2000		72	71	71	70	69	69	70	73	73	71	74	75	75
2500		75	74	74	72	71	72	72	74	75	73	75	77	78
3150		74	73	73	72	71	71	72	73	73	72	74	74	74
4000		71	70	70	69	68	67	69	70	70	68	70	71	72
5000		72	69	69	67	65	66	66	68	68	67	68	69	69
6300		68	66	67	65	65	64	64	64	65	63	64	65	66
8000		65	65	65	63	62	63	63	63	64	62	63	64	65
10000		61	60	61	59	59	59	60	60	60	59	60	61	62
OVERALL		95	97	98	101	97	91	93	99	99	99	104	107	109
< LEVEL CORRECTED TO REMOVE BACKGROUND/ELECTRONIC NOISE.														

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TABLE 1 MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)											IDENTIFICATION	
1/3 OCTAVE BAND												
											OMEGA 3.2	
											TEST BA-000-004	
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:											RUN 02	
MA-3M AIR CONDITIONER												
GROUND CREW											06 APR 82	
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS											PAGE F2	
LOCATION/CONDITION												
FREQ	DISTANCE (M)-->	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
(HZ)	ANGLE (DEG)-->	260	280	300	320	340	0	20	40	60	80	100
	CONDITION-->	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
25							81<		89<			
31.5							81<		80<	78<	78<	77<
40							81<	77<	84<	78<	78<	77<
50			76<	79<	81<	83<	82<	83<	84<	82<	81<	81<
63		85	88	91	94	95	94	95	92	92	93	91
80				74<	74<	79<	79<	78<	78<	77<	88<	78<
100		77<	76<	73<	75<	78<	82<	85	78<	80<	80<	79<
125			87	85	74<	81<	90	95	84	87	86	84
160			79	78<	83	80	83	89	87	88	88	89
200			84	80	83	81	84	89	85	86	88	86
250			89	88	83	83	85	87	87	86	89	89
315		106	103	103	104	107	97	90	90	101	96	96
400		107	104	104	105	109	98	88	89	102	97	97
500			83	82	84	82	85	87	89	89	86	90
630			98	87	90	92	99	95	95	92	90	87
800			93	87	90	91	99	95	95	91	91	88
1000			83	87	80	83	86	87	89	85	84	86
1250			79	80	79	79	82	85	86	85	84	83
1600			78	77	77	75	80	83	82	83	82	81
2000			79	74	75	74	76	79	78	78	79	78
2500			80	77	79	75	80	81	80	80	80	80
3150			76	75	76	75	79	81	81	80	80	79
4000			73	72	73	73	75	78	78	77	77	76
5000			71	69	70	71	73	77	77	76	76	75
6300			66	66	67	68	70	72	72	74	74	73
8000			65	65	66	66	68	70	70	74	73	72
10000			63	61	63	63	65	67	66	68	69	68
OVERALL		110	107	107	108	112	104	103	100	106	102	102

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TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)												IDENTIFICATION:
2												OMEGA 3.2
1/3 OCTAVE BAND												TEST BA-000-004
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: ( OPERATION: )												RUN 03
MA-3M AIR CONDITIONER ( COOLING CYCLE )												06 APR 82
GROUND CREW ( )												PAGE F3
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS ( )												
LOCATION/CONDITION												OPERATOR LOCATION
FREQ	DISTANCE (M)-->	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	TEST CONDITION
(HZ)	ANGLE (DEG)-->	160	180	200	220	240	260	280	300	320	340	1/A
	CONDITION----	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
25		83<	84<					97	92		81<	
31.5		80<	82<	81<	78<			94	89	78<	80<	
40		82<	82<	80<				90	87<	78<	80<	77<
50		82<	83<	83<	83<	83<	84<	87	86	79<	82<	83<
63		83	90	91	95	95	95	93	89	85	91	95
80		81<	81<	81<	78<	79<	78<	81<	82<	78<	79<	81<
100		85	85	87	83	88<	80<	81<	80<	80<	79<	83
125		95	88	94	92	87	88	87	83	84	83	92
160		95	94	94	92	88	91	91	93	92	89	91
200		101	94	94	90	91	94	92	94	92	87	92
250		93	94	92	89	95	96	92	94	91	85	96
315		95	104	100	104	112	113	115	115	108	102	107
400		97	106	100	106	114	115	116	116	109	104	109
500		93	95	94	92	91	93	94	95	91	87	90
630		96	96	94	90	99	103	102	101	101	92	98
800		95	95	91	98	99	103	102	102	102	93	99
1000		91	91	90	91	95	94	87	92	89	87	95
1250		90	90	89	86	87	87	88	88	87	84	87
1600		89	89	86	83	83	82	88	87	87	81	83
2000		88	85	84	81	82	83	84	81	80	77	81
2500		87	85	84	82	84	87	86	85	83	80	80
3150		87	86	85	80	81	82	85	83	81	79	79
4000		85	83	82	77	78	80	82	81	80	81	76
5000		82	80	80	75	76	78	78	79	77	79	75
6300		75	74	74	71	72	73	74	75	73	74	72
8000		76	75	73	70	72	73	72	74	72	72	72
10000		72	71	69	67	69	71	71	71	68	68	70
OVERALL		107	109	106	109	116	117	119	119	112	107	112

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TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)													IDENTIFICATION:	
2 OCTAVE BAND													OMEGA 3.2	
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: ( OPERATION: )													TEST BA-000-004	
MA-3M AIR CONDITIONER ( COOLING CYCLE )													PUN 01	
GROUND CREW ( )													06 APR 82	
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS ( )													PAGE J1	
LOCATION/CONDITION														
FREQ	DISTANCE (M)-->	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
(HZ)	ANGLE (DEG)-->	0	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240
	CONDITION-->	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
31.5														
63		83	85	89	88	87						90	91	88
125		84	86	86	79	81	81	84	87	95	86	86	90	85
250		83	92	93	97	92	85	87	95	95	95	100	103	106
500		90	93	95	99	94	85	88	96	95	96	101	104	107
1000		85	86	87	83	85	82	83	84	84	86	87	94	92
2000		79	78	74	77	75	76	77	79	79	74	79	82	81
4000		77	75	76	74	74	73	74	75	75	74	76	76	77
8000		70	69	70	68	67	67	67	67	58	60	67	68	69
OVERALL		95	97	98	101	97	90	93	99	99	99	104	107	109

TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)											
OCTAVE BAND											
2											
IDENTIFICATION:											
OMEGA 3.2											
TEST BA-000-004											
RUN 02											
06 APR 82											
PAGE J2											
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: ( OPERATIONS )											
MA-3M AIR CONDITIONER ( COOLING CYCLE )											
GROUND CREW ( )											
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS ( )											
LOCATION/CONDITION											
DISTANCE (M)--> 4 4 4 4 4 2 2 2 2 2 2 2											
ANGLE (DEG)--> 260 280 300 320 340 0 20 40 60 80 100 120											
CONDITION--> A A A A A A A A A A A A											
FREQ (HZ)											
31.5						86		91	81	81	88
63		88	92	94	95	94	95	92	93	93	90
125	89	86	84	84	86	93	96	89	91	90	92
250	106	103	103	104	107	98	93	92	102	97	98
500	107	104	104	105	109	99	96	95	102	98	97
1000	93	90	91	92	99	96	96	92	93	98	91
2000	83	81	82	79	83	86	85	85	85	84	84
4000	78	77	78	78	81	84	83	83	83	83	81
8000	70	69	70	71	73	75	75	77	77	77	76
OVERALL	110	107	107	108	112	104	103	100	106	102	102



TABLE 1 MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)											IDENTIFICATION
2	OCTAVE BAND										
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:	OPERATIONS:										
MAXIMUM AIR CONDITIONER	COOLING CYCLE										
GROUND CREW											
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS											
											OMEGA 3.2
											TEST BA-000-004
											RUN 03
											06 APR 82
											PAGE J3
LOCATION/CONDITION											
FREQ	DISTANCE (M)-->	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	OPERATOR LOCATION
(HZ)	ANGLE (DEG)-->	160	180	200	220	240	260	280	300	320	340
	CONDITION----	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	TEST CONDITION
											1/A
31.5		87	88	83				99	95	81	85
53		83	91	92	95	95	95	94	91	86	92
125		96	95	97	95	91	93	93	94	93	90
250		102	105	101	104	112	113	115	115	108	102
500		100	107	102	106	114	115	116	116	110	104
1000		97	97	95	99	101	104	102	102	102	94
2000		93	91	90	87	88	89	91	90	89	84
4000		90	88	87	83	84	85	87	86	84	84
8000		80	78	77	74	76	77	77	78	76	77
OVERALL		107	109	106	109	116	117	119	119	112	107

TABLE: MEASURES OF HUMAN NOISE EXPOSURE												IDENTIFICATION:			
3												OMEGA 3.2			
												TEST BA-000-004			
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: ( OPERATION: )												RUN 01			
MA-3M AIR CONDITIONER ( COOLING CYCLE )												06 APR 82			
GROUND CREW ( )												PAGE M1			
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS ( )															

TABLE: MEASURES OF HUMAN NOISE EXPOSURE												IDENTIFICATION:
3												OMEGA 3.2
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: ( OPERATION: )												TEST 9A-000-004
MA-3M AIR CONDITIONER ( COOLING CYCLE )												RUN 02
GROUND CREW ( )												06 APR 82
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS ( )												PAGE 42
LOCATION/CONDITION												
DISTANCE (M)-->	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
ANGLE (DEG)-->	260	280	300	320	340	0	20	40	60	80	100	120
CONDITION----->	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
HAZARD/PROTECTION												
C-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLC IN DBC) AT EAR												
A-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLA IN DBA) AT EAR												
MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE TIME (T IN MINUTES) FOR ONE EXPOSURE PER DAY (AFR 161-35, JULY 73)												
NO PROTECTION												
OASLC	110	107	107	108	112	104	102	100	106	102	102	104
OASLA	104	102	102	103	107	100	99	96	101	97	97	99
T	15	21	21	18	9	30	36	60	25	50	50	36
MINIMUM OPL EAR MUFFS												
OASLA*	86	84	84	85	88	80	78	75	83	78	78	81
T	339	480	480	484	240	960	960	960	571	960	960	807
AMERICAN OPTICAL 1700 EAR MUFFS												
OASLA*	81	79	79	80	83	75	74	71	78	74	74	76
T	807	960	960	960	571	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
V-51R EAR PLUGS												
OASLA*	83	81	81	82	86	77	75	73	79	75	75	78
T	571	807	807	679	339	960	960	960	950	960	960	960
AMERICAN OPTICAL 1700 EAR MUFFS PLUS V-51R EAR PLUGS												
OASLA*	65	63	63	64	68	62	62	58	62	59	59	61
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	950	960	960	960
H-133 GROUND COMMUNICATION UNIT												
OASLA*	72	69	69	70	75	71	71	68	70	68	68	69
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
COMMUNICATION												
PREFERRED SPEECH INTERFERENCE LEVEL (PSIL IN DB)												
PSIL	95	92	92	92	97	94	92	91	93	91	91	92
ANNOYANCE												
PERCEIVED NOISE LEVEL, TONE CORRECTED (PNLT IN PND9)												
TONE CORRECTION (C IN DB)												
PNLT	117	115	115	116	120	113	111	108	115	110	111	113
C	3	2	2	3	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	2

\* BASED ON CALCULATED SPL SPECTRUM UNDER PROTECTIVE DEVICE.

TABLE: MEASURES OF HUMAN NOISE EXPOSURE											IDENTIFICATION#
3											OMEGA 3.2
											TEST BA-000-004
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT#		( OPERATION# )									RUN 03
HA-3M AIR CONDITIONER		( COOLING CYCLE )									
GROUND CREW		( )									06 APR 82
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS		( )									PAGE M3
LOCATION/CONDITION											
DISTANCE (M)-->	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	OPERATOR LOCATION
ANGLE (DEG)-->	160	180	200	220	240	260	280	300	320	340	TEST CONDITION
CONDITION-->	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	1/A
HAZARD/PROTECTION											
C-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLC IN DBC) AT EAR											
A-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLA IN DBA) AT EAR											
MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE TIME (T IN MINUTES) FOR ONE EXPOSURE PER DAY (AFR 161-35, JULY 73)											
NO PROTECTION											
OASLC	105	109	106	109	116	117	118	119	112	107	112
OASLA	102	105	101	105	111	112	113	113	108	102	107
T	21	13	25	13	4.5	3.8	3.2	3.2	8	21	9
MINIMUM QPL EAR MUFFS											
OASLA*	83	86	83	86	93	94	95	95	89	83	89
T	571	339	571	339	101	85	71	71	202	571	202
AMERICAN OPTICAL 1700 EAR MUFFS											
OASLA*	78	81	78	81	88	69	90	90	84	78	84
T	960	807	960	807	240	202	170	170	490	960	488
V-51K EAR PLUGS											
OASLA*	79	83	79	83	90	91	92	93	87	81	86
T	960	571	960	571	170	143	120	101	235	807	339
AMERICAN OPTICAL 1700 EAR MUFFS PLUS V-51K EAR PLUGS											
OASLA*	64	66	63	67	72	74	75	75	70	63	69
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
H-133 GROUND COMMUNICATION UNIT											
OASLA*	74	74	72	74	79	80	80	80	77	71	76
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	950	960	960
COMMUNICATION											
PREFERRED SPEECH INTERFERENCE LEVEL (PSIL IN DB)											
PSIL	97	98	95	97	101	103	103	103	100	94	99
ANNOYANCE											
PERCEIVED NOISE LEVEL, TONE CORRECTED (PNLT IN PNDB)											
TONE CORRECTION (C IN DB)											
PNLT	115	118	115	118	124	125	126	126	121	116	120
C	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	2
* BASED ON CALCULATED SPL SPECTRUM UNDER PROTECTIVE DEVICE.											

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